

**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
District of Vermont**



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**WELLS MAN SENTENCED TO 10 MONTHS FOR THREATENING
TO BOMB THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE**

The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Vermont stated that on February 25, 2008, Tonie Turrell, 49, of Wells, Vermont, was sentenced to 10 months of imprisonment, to be followed by two years of supervised release for Threatening to Damage and Destroy a Social Security Office. He also paid a \$100 special assessment. Sentencing took place in United States District Court in Brattleboro before the Honorable J. Garvan Murtha.

According to Court documents, on April 24, 2007, Turrell contacted a Rutland mental health office and told a therapist there that he intended to blow up the Social Security Office. The therapist immediately contacted the Vermont State Police and the State Police interviewed Turrell, who reiterated his intentions. Later that same day, Turrell repeated the same threats to Social Security Administration agents, indicating that he also intended to kill the Social Security Administration employees in the process of destroying the building. At that point, Turrell was arrested and has remained incarcerated since his arrest.

United States Attorney Thomas D. Anderson thanked the Social Security Administration and the Vermont State Police, who investigated the case. Turrell was represented by Assistant Federal Public Defender Elizabeth Mann. Assistant United States Attorney Elizabeth Woodcock prosecuted the case for the United States.